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FROM: David W. Platt
DATE: August 7, 1986
SUBJECT: ASBESTOS FIREPROOFING IN THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT ROOM

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Because of the ramifications of our discovery of asbestos fireproofing in the Mechanical Equipment Rooms (MER) of Two World Trade Center, I conducted a X-ray diffraction (XRD) study of a randomly selected sample to confirm the optically based identification of chrysotile asbestos.

A sample from the 7th and 8th floor MER was processed and examined using XRD. A sample of standard chrysotile asbestos was also subject to the same procedure. Both the sample and the standard showed a primary diffraction maxima at 12.08 degrees 2-theta and a secondary maxima at 24.38 degrees 2-theta. This is in agreement with the criteria from NIOSH method 9000 for the identification of chrysotile asbestos. Copies of the diffractograms are included.

This study provides unambiguous confirmation of the presence of asbestos in Two World Trade Center.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at PATHside 201-963-7486.

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RANGE COVERED:
TWO THETA: 10 TO 35 DEGREES.
SPACING: 8.8348 TO 2.5606
1250 STEPS OF.02 DEGREES.

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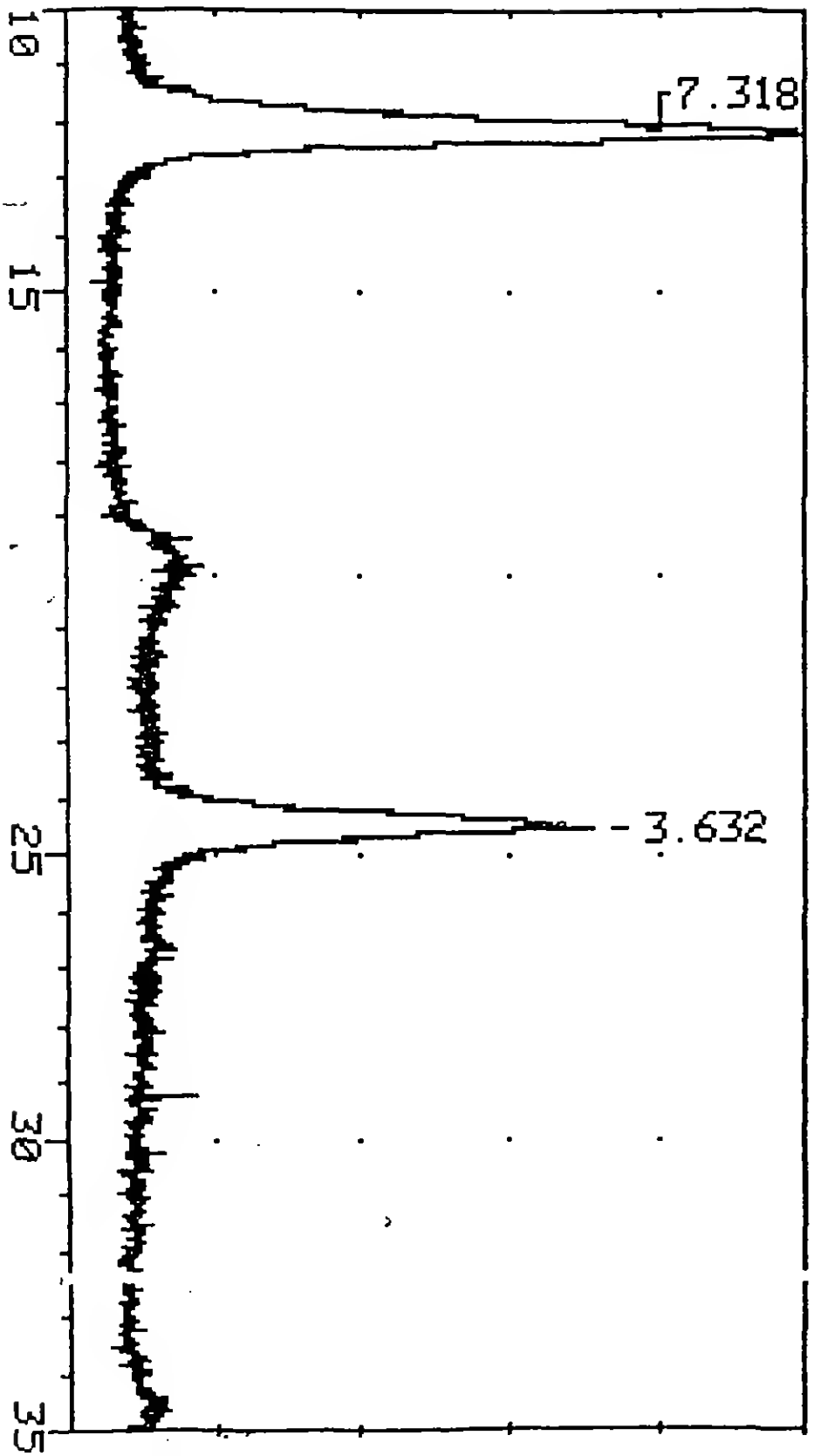

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SEGMENT #1 OF 1
RANGE COVERED:
TWO THETA: 10 TO 35 DEGREES.
D-SPACING: 8.8348 TO 2.5606
IN 1250 STEPS OF.02 DEGREES.

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